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Outer Limits/Fawn Two EA
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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering the following forest management project in the Cascades Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management, Salem District. The purpose of the project is to achieve specific objectives identified in the Salem BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Matrix and Riparian Reserve (RR) Land Use Allocations (LUA) as described below.

The BLM is considering the *Outer Limits/Fawn Two* project to meet the following general objectives and management actions/direction:

- Matrix LUA – Manage timber stands to produce a sustainable supply of timber to provide jobs and contribute to community stability; provide a variety of habitat and other ecological functions; and provide early successional habitat (RMP p. 20). Management actions/direction include (RMP pp. 21, 46-48, D-1 – D-5):
 - Applying silvicultural systems including thinning and regeneration timber harvest to produce desired species composition, structural characteristics and distribution of seral or age classes at the landscape level on Matrix lands;
 - Preventing development of undesirable stand characteristics;
 - Provide habitat for a variety of organisms associated with both late-successional and younger forests;
 - Selecting logging systems based on suitability and economic efficiency;
 - Providing early successional habitat; and
 - Preparing and reforesting the site as quickly as possible following regeneration timber harvest.
- Riparian Reserve LUA (pertains only to *Outer Limits*) – Restore and maintain the ecological health of watersheds and aquatic ecosystems and provide habitat for terrestrial species (RMP pp. 5, 9). Management actions/direction include applying silvicultural treatments to restore large conifers in RR, controlling stocking, managing stands, and acquiring desired vegetation characteristics (RMP pp. 7, 11). No Riparian Reserve LUA acres are being considered for treatment in *Fawn Two*.

The *Outer Limits/Fawn Two* project is located in the Middle North Santiam and Little North Santiam watersheds both North and South of Highway 22 near Gates, Oregon in Marion and Linn Counties (See attached Scoping Map)

***Outer Limits* area:**

The *Outer Limits* area is located in Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Sections 17 and 29 Willamette Meridian, and includes approximately 220 acres of Matrix and 100 acres of Riparian Reserve LUA forest land proposed for harvest. Forest stands range in age from 76-101 years.

The BLM is currently considering a thinning and regeneration harvest alternative. The proposal is to regeneration harvest up to 50 acres of Matrix land within the *Outer Limits* area leaving 12-18 green trees per acre. The remaining acres would be thinned retaining approximately 40-120 trees per acre with some openings, approximately one to three acres in size.

***Fawn Two* area:**

Fawn Two is located in Township 8 South, Range 3 East, Section 25 Willamette Meridian, with approximately 85 acres of conifer forest in the Matrix LUA proposed for harvest. Forest stands are approximately 130 years old. The BLM is currently considering a regeneration harvest alternative leaving between 12-18 green trees per acre in the Matrix LUA. No Riparian Reserve acres are proposed for treatment in the *Fawn Two* area.

Related activities being considered for both areas are renovating existing roads and/or constructing new roads to provide access for logging, decommissioning or closing and stabilizing roads after logging, maintaining roads, improving culverts, fuels treatment and reforestation.

You have been identified as someone who might have specific knowledge or interest in this area. The purpose of this letter is to give you an opportunity to share any information or concerns you may have about the project. The input you provide will help an interdisciplinary team of BLM natural resource specialists to develop design features for the project and to assess the potential environmental effects.

The enclosed map shows the locations of the potential harvest units and may be found on the Salem District website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/plans/index.php>. A Project Comment Form is also enclosed. I would appreciate your written comments by November 24, 2014. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Salem District Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of environmental analysis documents or related correspondence.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions about this project or need detailed maps mailed to you, please contact Alisa Tanner at (503) 589-6844 or by email to atanner@blm.gov. Written comments may be sent to John Huston, Cascades Field Manager, BLM – Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306 or submitted by email to jhuston@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Huston

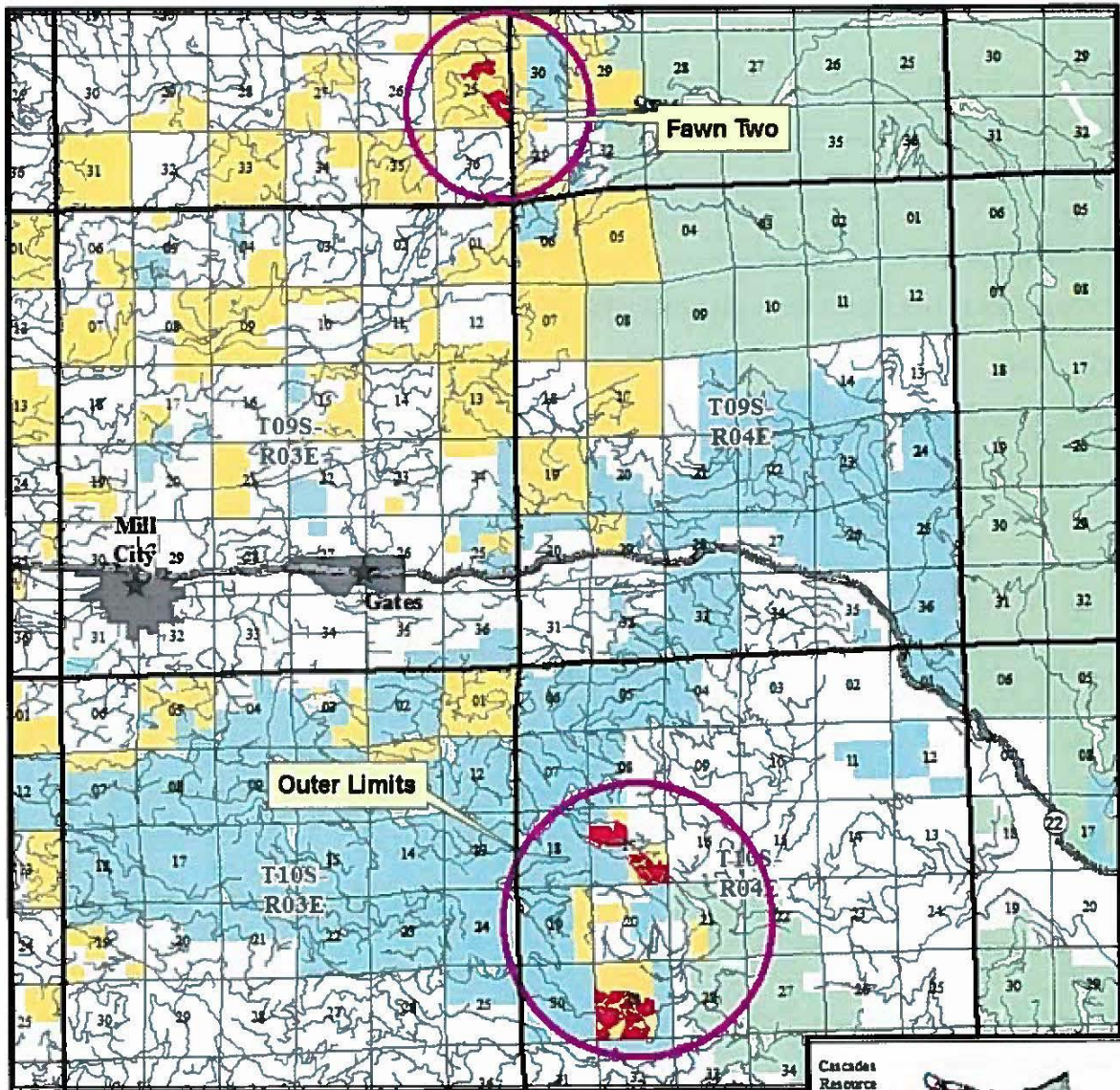
John Huston
Field Manager, Cascades Resource Area

Enclosures (2)

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Outer Limits/Fawn Two Project Scoping Map DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2014-0004-EA

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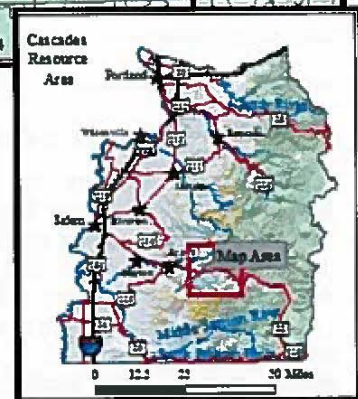
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Scoping Units



Enclosure 1, Vicinity Map

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Enclosure 2, Comment Form

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